

## **BOARD OF COAL MINING EXAMINERS**

### **SUMMARY OF MEETING**

**JUNE 1, 2010**

**The following is a summary of the June 1, 2010 Meeting:**

- I. Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM by Frank Linkous, Chairman. Members present were Frank Linkous, Joseph Buchanan, Ricky O'Quinn and Arvil McConnell, Jr. Member Gerald Kendrick was absent. Also present was Mary Gibson, Regulatory Boards Administrator. Sharon Pigeon, Assistant Attorney General, was absent.**
- II. Opening statement delivered by Frank Linkous, Chairman.**
- III. Motion made and seconded to accept June 1, 2010, meeting agenda and approve May 4, 2010, meeting summary. All members were in favor to approve.**
- IV. Review of Virginia Substance Abuse Cases (Closed Session)**

**Of the cases that resulted in hearings, evidence was taken by the Board in closed session, pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-3711(A)(4) and 45.1-11.35(E). In the closed session, the Board worked out agreements, allowing individuals to return to work conditionally, and took other disciplinary actions including revocation of all certifications held by miners.**

#### **V. Open Agenda**

**Mary Gibson provided the Board with a summary of the oxycontin settlement grant status. A total of \$17,636 has been expended in payments to the behavioral health providers and in educational costs. The cost, \$16,000-18,000, for the television public announcement has not been billed to DMME yet. DMME pays for two substance abuse treatment assessments and for drug screens for a period of up to 15 weeks per miner. DMME encourages the providers to endeavor to bring those miners who have dropped out back into the treatment programs. Two grants, the Webb grant and the oxycontin settlement grant, currently are utilized by the providers. The Webb grant specifies utilizing the funds for treatment of drug addiction primarily through prescribing of suboxin and methadone.**

**VI. Next Meeting**

**Next meeting will be July 6, 2010.**

**VII. Adjournment**

**Meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM.**